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The State Secretariat, Shipping, determined that 492,000 tons of a total of 2,000,000 tons of hard coal from the Waldenburg and the Upper Silesian mining districts, which Poland had to deliver to the USSR and which were later sold by the Soviets to East Germany, be shipped on East German inland vessels by 15 December 1953; two representatives of the State Secretariat, Shipping, and of the German Shipping and Transhipment Center are to supervise the acceptance of the coal in Breslau. Source stated that the other 1,500,000 tons approximately would be transported by the State Railroad. While the rail shipments had started, the inland vessels were still waiting for better water conditions. The coal was to be loaded for inland navigation in Maltsch on the Oder River and was to be unloaded in Berlin, Magdeburg, Tangermuende and Wittenberge. The DHZ Kohle stated that the import of these 2,000,000 tons of coal would make it possible to grant each East German household an additional allotment of 250 kilograms of brown coal briquettes in the winter of 1953 to 1954, and thus to demonstrate the improved supply of the population, which had been announced by the new policy. The 492,000 tons to be shipped by inland navigation were for the State Railroad.

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